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FOLLOWING REPEAT LAGOS 12170 ACTION SECSTATE OCT 22.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 12170

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP

SUBJECT: PRIVATE COMMENTS OF LTG OBASANJO ON HIS VISIT
TO THE US

1. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH WIFE OF AMBASSADOR, AN
AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY, MRS. ALICE GRIFFIN, GAVE SOME
IMPRESSIONS OF HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO REGARDING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO THE U.S. THE REVEREND AND MRS. GRIFFIN WERE INVITED
OCTOBER 16 TO A BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE AT THE SMALL CHAPEL AT
DOAN BARRACKS, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY GENERAL OBASANJO.
(THE GRIFFIN'S HAVE BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT FORTY YEARS. A SIGNI-
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FICANT PART OF THAT TIME WAS SPENT AT THE BAPTIST SCHOOL IN
ABEOKUTA WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY GENERAL OBASANJO.)

2. FOLLOWING THE SERVICE, GENERAL OBASANJO CAME UP TO THEM
AND VERY WARMLY GREETED THEM. HE THEN DISCUSSED HIS JUST-
COMPLETED VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. ACCORDING TO MRS.
GRIFFIN, HE CALLED PRESIDENT CARTER "THE MAN OF THE YEAR"

AND "A WONDERFUL MAN" AND WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE
VISIT IN GENERAL AND HIS MEETINGS WITH THE PRESIDENT IN
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